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BELL CONFIRMS HERRERA REVOLT

American General at El Paso So Notifies Funston.

REPORTS ARE CONFLICTING

Former Carranza Supporter Is Said to Be Still an Enemy of General Villa, but Is Bitterly Opposed to the American Invasion of Mexico.

El Paso, Tex., March 24.—General Luis Herrera has revolted from General Carranza and has declared that he will resist with all his power the entry of American troops into Mexico, but is still opposed to Villa, according to reports from sources believed reliable here.

The news of Herrera's disaffection was considered sufficiently authentic for General Bell to telegraph General Funston at San Antonio that he believed it to be true.

General Bell added to his message, however, the emphatic denial of Herrera's reported revolt issued here by Mexican Consul Andres Garcia, which was supported by telegrams said to have been received from General Herrera himself and General Gutierrez, Carranza's field chief.

General Herrera has been known as a personal enemy of Villa. His present position is said to be that the de facto government has betrayed Mexican interests in permitting the soldiers of the United States to enter Mexico territory and that this betrayal outweighed whatever offense Villa has committed.

WASHINGTON IS PERPLEXED

Reports From Mexico Are of a Conflicting Nature.

Washington, March 24.—Official Washington was perplexed by dispatches from the border saying General Bell had notified General Funston that the report of Herrera's revolt has been confirmed. Secretary Baker stated that General Funston had not advised the department of General Bell's report and that all information reaching him indicated that Herrera was loyal to Carranza.

Some officials, however, were prepared to believe that Herrera had deserted Carranza, though they doubted whether he had joined Villa.

An official denial from the Carranza authorities at Juarez that Herrera had revolted was presented to Secretary Lansing in person by Eliseo Arredondo, ambassador-designate of the de facto government.

REPORTS PUZZLE FUNSTON

Cannot Understand Exact Attitude of General Herrera.

San Antonio, Tex., March 24.—With a message from Brigadier General Bell, Jr., before him confirming his report that General Luis Herrera had revolted with 2,000 men in Chihuahua, and a collection of evidence at hand from unofficial sources denying the alleged revolt, General Funston was puzzled as to the exact status of affairs in Mexico.

General Bell was the first to confirm the report to General Funston that Herrera was reported to have joined Villa in his fight against the United States. General Bell did not report additional facts concerning the new movement and did not tell how the report was confirmed.

ENORMOUS RUSSIAN LOSSES

Jewish Newspaper Man Brings Figures From Petrograd.

New York, March 24.—Losses in the Russian army, killed, wounded and missing for one year, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1915, were 2,542,639, according to Boris S. Schumacher, a Jewish newspaper correspondent, who arrived here from Petrograd, via Copenhagen on the steamship United States.

Mr. Schumacher exhibited printed lists of names he said he had obtained recently while in Petrograd.

The lists also showed, Mr. Schumacher added, that from the beginning of the war up to about one month ago Russia has lost 141,643 officers, of whom 43,318 were killed in battle and 15,534 died of wounds.

Villa Reported Surrounded.

El Paso, Tex., March 24.—Mexican Consul Garcia announced he had received a telegram from General Bertani that Villa was surrounded at El Oso, five miles south of Namilquita, by American and Mexican troops and that a decisive battle was imminent. Bertani's message said the American troops came up following the defeat of Villa by the Carranzistas at Santa

DAVID R. FRANCIS.

Given Farewell Banquet by St. Louis Citizens.



FAREWELL GIVEN FRANCIS

New Ambassador to Russia Feted by St. Louis Associates.

St. Louis, March 24.—A farewell banquet in honor of David R. Francis, ambassador to Russia, was held here and was attended by most of the business and professional leaders of St. Louis.

HISTORIC EDIFICES BURNED AT AUGUSTA

Augusta, Ga., March 24.—With six business blocks and more than 600 dwelling houses, including many of Augusta's finest residences, devastated by fire, relief committees undertook the task of housing and feeding without outside aid the 3,000 persons made homeless by the conflagration.

A relief fund of \$15,000 has been raised and the committee heads announced their determination to increase it to \$50,000.

Word went out that no help from other cities is needed.

Best estimates of the fire damage placed it around \$5,000,000. More than a hundred business houses, many of them the most pretentious in the downtown sections, were destroyed, but the city's residents felt more keenly the loss of historic structures that long had been objects of civic pride.

Among these were St. Paul's Episcopal church, built 135 years ago, and many colonial homes that had withstood the ravages of the Civil war.

MAY CALL NATIONAL GUARD

War Department Officials Are Considering Matter.

Washington, March 24.—The division of military affairs of the war department is holding itself in readiness to mobilize the national guard at the earliest possible moment if the administration decides to utilize the militia in the Mexican campaign.

Secretary of War Baker would not discuss the probability that militia organizations will be called out for patrol duty so that regular troops now guarding the border may be released for service with the expeditionary army. Staff officers admit, however, that the question of calling out the national guard has been under serious consideration.

It will take from a week to a month after the guard companies are called out to mobilize in full strength on the border, officials said.

750,000 ACRES FOR PUBLIC

Land in Former Pine Ridge Reservation to Be Opened.

Washington, March 24.—The interior department classed as nonirrigable and open to settlement 750,000 acres of land in the former Pine Ridge Indian reservation of South Dakota. Much of the land already has been entered by homesteaders. The remainder will be opened May 10.

SUPPRESS SUBMARINE TALK

Leaders in Reichstag Decide to Table Resolution.

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ARIZONA CITY IS THREATENED BY 3,000 MEXICAN CAVALRY

Douglas Telegraphs Cavalry and Field Guns are Within Ten Blocks of Center of City

No Confirmation Received of Report That Villa is Surrounded by American Troops

MEXICAN SITUATION LATE WAR SUMMARY

Reports say that Gen. Herrera is in Chihuahua and is still loyal to the defacto government. Not a shot has been fired at an American soldier since expedition started, says Funston. Amateurs cause much wireless trouble, important messages received are garbled. Surrounding of Villa has not been confirmed. Traitor, with punishment equaling the name, is the text of a resolution introduced in the house for any furnishing aid or succor to Villa.

Douglas, Arizona, thought to be in grave danger of Mexican attack.

Not Shot Fired at American Soldiers Says Gen. Funston

(By United Press) San Antonio, March 24.—If a single shot has been fired at the American soldiers in Mexico General Funston says he does not know of it. Gen. Funston's request for a full report from Gen. Pershing has not been answered, and the report that Villa had been surrounded is unconfirmed. The latest information was that Gen. Herrera had not taken arms against the United States.

Aid for Villa Treasonable Act

Washington, March 24.—Senator Lewis, of Illinois, has introduced a resolution in which the furnishing of Villa with supplies or other aid wants is renounced as treason and all guilty parties should be punished as traitors.

No Mobilization

Washington, March 24.—No mobilization of the national guard will be made by the president. President Wilson and the cabinet made this decision for fear of further embarrassment to Carranza.

Throwing Hand Grenades at the Greatest Battle in History



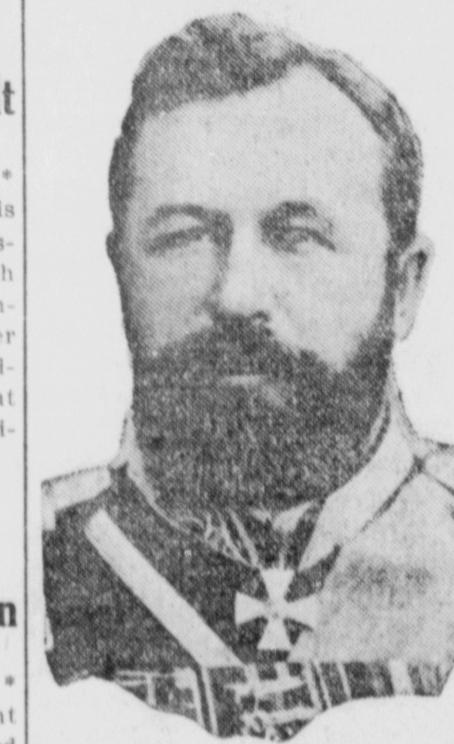
French Soldier Tossing a Grenade Into German Trenches

French Soldier Examining His Grenade.

These photographs were taken in the French trenches at Verdun. They show soldiers examining the grenades and throwing them into the trenches of the enemy. The battle, in which explosives have been used to a cost of \$100,000,000, is the greatest of history. Perhaps it is greater than most wars.

GEN. KUROPATKIN.

Heads Half Million Russian Troops in Attack on Germans.



HOUSE PASSES ARMY MEASURE

Bill Provides Peace Strength of 140,000 Men.

VOTE SHOWS 402 TO 2

Socialist Opposes Measure Because He Is Against an Increase and One Republican for the Reason That He Considers Proposed Addition to the Army Not Large Enough.

Washington, March 24.—The House bill, providing for a regular army peace strength of 140,000 fighting men instead of the present 100,000, passed the house by a vote of 402 to 2.

It goes to the senate for immediate consideration virtually as drafted by the house committee.

The negative votes were cast by Representatives Britten, Republican of Illinois, and London, Socialist, of New York.

Mr. Britten opposed the bill because he favored a still further increase in the army and Mr. London because he favored no increase.

It was finally adopted after Representative Kahn, ranking Republican member of the military committee, had again met defeat, this time 213 to 191, in his effort to increase the authorized strength of the regulars to 220,000.

During the debate Chairman Hay of the committee which drew the bill referred to it as "the president's own bill."

It was explained at the White House, however, that while the president approved the ground plan of the measure he was not committed to its details.

The conference on the senate and house plans, to come after the senate acts, is expected by administration officials to produce a bill which will have the president's full support.

WILL GIVE NATIONS VIEWS

United States Will Outline Attitude Regarding Submarines.

Washington, March 24.—The United States soon will make for the information of the nations of the world a complete statement of its position in regard to the conduct of submarine warfare and the arming of merchant ships for defensive purposes.

It has not been definitely determined just what form the announcement will take, but it is considered not unlikely that a circular memorandum may be addressed to the powers.

The United States will stand unaltered upon the principles already laid down. The pronouncement is expected to furnish the ground work for a new international law to be developed after the war.

RICHARDS DEFENDS PRIMARY

Criticizes Legislature and Supreme Court in Address.

Elk Point, S. D., March 24.—In an address here R. O. Richards of Huron criticized the act of the legislature in repealing the primary election law enacted by direct vote of the people, as well as the act of the state supreme court in upholding the legislature. The people's right under the initiative as well as the referendum, he said, is something of real value to them and must be preserved. He appealed to his audience to vote for the amended initiative primary election law next November and "to put back on the statute books what the legislature and the courts have tried to destroy."

Thousands of War Widows.

London, March 24.—The number of widows of British soldiers who have thus far been reported to the army councils is 41,500, according to William Hayes Fisher, parliamentary secretary of the local government board, in a speech to the house of commons committee on the war pensions bill. There are about 8,000 widows of sailors, Mr. Fisher added.

Guatemalan Kill Mexicans.

Mexico City, March 24.—According to a traveler who arrived here from Tapachula, near the Guatemala border, troops of President Manuel Calderon of Guatemala crossed the southern frontier March 13 and engaged the Mexicans, killing many of the garrison and taking 200 prisoners.

Troop Train Blown Up.

Mexico City, March 24.—A telegram received from Pachuca Hidalgo reports the blowing up of a mixed train between that place and Tulancingo, destroying several troop cars and killing the passengers on a coach attached to the train.

DUTCH SAILORS IN REVOLT

Demand Safety of Vessels Before Joining Their Ships.

The Hague, March 24.—At a meeting in Amsterdam, held under the auspices of the Sailors' union, the crews of half dozen ocean-going steamships ready to sail resolved by an overwhelming majority not to join their ships until more definite arrangements had been reached with the government for the safety of the vessels.

This decision affected also the Holland-America line, whose steamship Nieuw Amsterdam was scheduled to sail.

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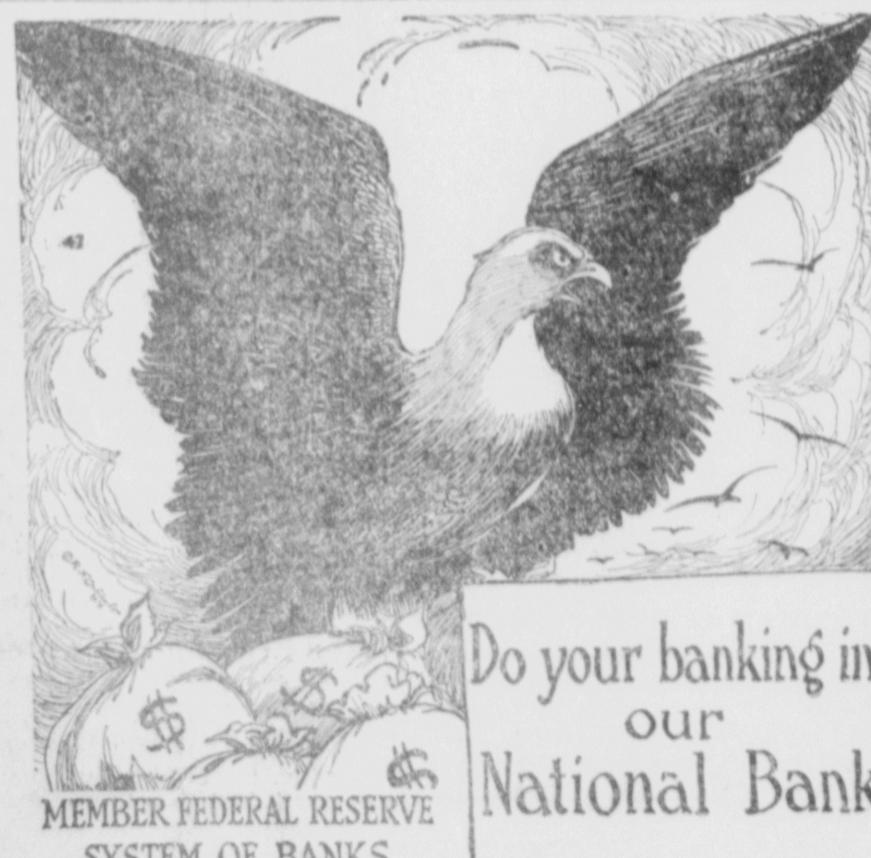
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The Hudson Super-Six is now here, it will pay you to visit us and examine this car. Rosko Bros. 248t4

The Booster club of Brainerd will hold its regular meeting this evening at the city council chambers.

Miss Ruth Alberts went to Deerwood this afternoon to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Alberts.

Mrs. Joseph Leitner, guest of her daughter, Mrs. George Herschell, St. Paul, returned this afternoon to her home in Merrifield.

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A special Lenten service will be held in the English language at the German Evangelical church on Bluff avenue this evening.

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The committee of the Elks in charge of their Easter ball include John Krekelberg, Wm. Turcotte, B. A. Lagerquist, Ralph Quinn and Al Victor.

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The census bureau estimates that on an average one in eight of all the babies born in the United States die before they are twelve months old. But this average does not tell the whole story, for more babies die in some districts than in others and such an average may mean that in some groups one in three of all the babies die and in others only one in twenty-five.

The children's bureau in the course of its intensive study of infant mortality in selected typical American communities has found within one community an infant death rate varying in the different wards from one baby in twenty to about one in four.

In the light of such facts Baby Week may well assume a new importance in our eyes. Baby Week aims to show the community what it owes to all its infant citizens in the way of suitable living conditions, and to show all the mothers of the country that there is a science of baby care.

The modern movement for saving babies' lives is of recent origin in all countries. France took the lead fifty years ago in organizing community work for infant welfare with, first, a society for instructing mothers and encouraging maternal nursing, and, ten years later, another society providing special care for the expectant mother. The infant welfare station was a later development for which France again deserves the credit.

Dr. Emmet Holt has spoken of the infant welfare station established by Budin in Paris in 1892 and the milk depot established two years later by Dufour as "really marking the beginning of the modern movement for the reduction of infant mortality. They have spread all over the civilized world and have proved to be, when properly conducted, one of the most effective agencies, if not the most effective agency, known for the reduction of infant mortality."

Infant mortality as a problem of national importance was discussed in this country as early as 1871 at a meeting in Philadelphia, but the awakening of the public to the urgency of the problem and the organizing of a national association to reduce the death rate among babies dates only from within the last ten years. When the Federal Children's Bureau was created in 1912 infant mortality headed the list of the problems it was directed to investigate and report upon.

Systematic all-year-round infant welfare work in New York City is only fourteen years old but these years have been marked by a steady reduction of the babies' death rate in that city. Similar results may be looked for from similar work in any community, for it is generally agreed that at least half of all infant deaths are preventable.

WHEN GERMAN FLEET MOVES ACCOMPANIED BY TRANSPORTS

(By United Press)

London, March 24.—The Daily News strongly intimates that if the German fleet comes out for a battle that scores of transports carrying troops for the invasion of England will accompany it. The newspaper claims that officials realize the danger. The claim is made that the recent torpedoing of neutrals in the North Sea was merely to prevent the neutrals reporting their movements of preparation.

SAVAGE FIGHTING WITH LIQUID FIRE AND BOMBS

(By United Press)

Petrograd, March 24.—Savage fighting is reported in the vicinity of Jacobstad, 80 miles from Riga, the Russians using liquid fire and gas bombs. They are also attacking the Germans at Frederichstad attempting to squeeze Von Hindenberg out by threats of envelopment thus removing the German threat against Vinsk and Riga.

WAR LOAN SUCCESS

Berlin, March 24.—It is officially announced that the fourth German war loan was a brilliant success, the subscriptions totalling two billion dollars.



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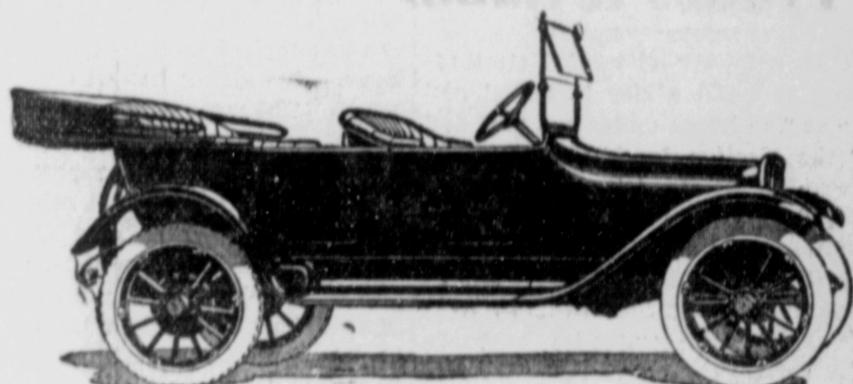
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FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1916.



HOW THEY LIKE IT

Now that we have elected our delegates to the national convention we can speculate on their choice for president. A wonderful thing, this new permanent primary law.—Alexandria Post-News.

As a true opportunity of securing the choice of the people for president, as an economy, as any sort of an improvement over the convention system—in any way you may look at it—the whole thing is a farce.—Anoka Herald.

The government in Hungary has restricted the size of newspapers owing to the shortage of print paper, and no papers are allowed to print more than twelve pages and Sunday editions are forbidden. This of course is not to protect the publishers from themselves but to conserve the paper supply. In this country there is a shortage of paper of various grades, a rise in price and wages have been increased in all branches. The newspapers of the United States in the face of increasing prices in all branches of production have been keeping along in the same old price but while the cost in placing the paper before the subscriber each evening or morning, or once each week, as the case might be, is twice what it was five or ten years ago. Almost every necessity in life has been advanced excepting subscriptions to newspapers, and the publishers of country weeklies seem to take the \$1.00 in advance even though it costs them \$1.50 for production—their competitor does it and one must follow the competitor even though he go to the poor house for so doing. There is not a class of business men in the country that put as much time and energy into their business affairs and get as little return as the country newspaper man.

Our neighbor city of Detroit is going to build a city hall, jail and fire engine house under one roof and at the election held there recently the voters provided for the issuance of \$12,000 in bonds with which to finance the proposition. An additional amount of fire fighting apparatus will be acquired to comply with the insurance companies requests, which will put them in line with other places getting the lowest rate of insurance. Detroit is also thinking of putting up an additional school building to cost \$25,000.

If daylight has not already been let to shine through Villa's body when he is taken it is suggested that he be turned over to Carranza which will do away with the necessity of a trial. It now looks as though

there would be more trouble in taking him than in disposing of him after taking.

DEERWOOD MARKET
DAY A SUCCESS

Brainerd will let the eagle scream this year in appropriate style, and the whole country 'round will be invited to help us celebrate the glorious Fourth. This is the year when patriotism should be abundant and everyone should put their shoulder to the wheel.

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The St. Cloud Times asks the garage men in that city to answer why gasoline that costs 19 cents in the Twin Cities is selling for from 22 to 23 cents and wants to know if it costs three to four cents to freight it up to St. Cloud. The Times is getting inquisitive.

Atkin is likely to have a candidate for the republican nomination of state treasurer in the person of Cap. F. M. Shook who is being urged to file for that office. Mr. Shook was formerly postmaster at that place and is well and favorably known throughout the state.

Don't shy when the Fourth of July proposition is put to you, this is the time to celebrate, and in order to celebrate right everyone's assistance will be needed.

STOCK YOUR FISH POND

If You Have a Farm with a Fish Pond on it the Opportunity is Presented to Stock it

If you have a good fish pond on your farm and wish to have it stocked with fish without cost, address the Section of Economic Vertebrate Zoology at University Farm, St. Paul, and if your request is in time, it will be granted.

This is a new line of endeavor for the Minnesota Experiment Station and has been brought about through a plan by which the Station will cooperate with the United States Bureau of Fisheries.

Requests for fish will be received by the section named, and will be endorsed and passed on to A. F. Woods, director of the Experiment Station. Director Woods will affix his endorsement and the application will then be forwarded to Washington.

F. L. Washburn, speaking for the Section of Economic Vertebrate Zoology, says that the service on the part of the Bureau of Fisheries will necessarily be limited, because of the necessity of keeping the yearly grants within the supply of fish available. The number of farms which can be supplied each year will not be large. A waiting list will probably result. The most worthy of first consideration because of natural conditions, nearness to its express office and railroad stations will receive attention first.

Application blanks will be sent to any who desire them, who can make known their desires by addressing F. L. Washburn, University Farm, St. Paul.

SHIRT LAKE ITEMS

Mrs. Geo. Mahood went to Brainerd Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Heggland is slowly recovering. She has been very ill all winter.

Andrew Nelson has purchased a new milch cow from N. J. Sherlund.

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After a long hard winter we surely are glad to hear the ugly "caw-caw" of the crows again.

Ned Scott is hauling rye to town for A. W. Nelson.

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MAPLE GROVE ITEMS

Walter Driver and Olaf Nelson have left for Dakota.

Miss Alice Driver is at home now. Miss Shaw spent Saturday in Brainerd.

Mr. and Mrs. Sears were callers at Lake's last Sunday.

Paul Goeler was visiting at Fahlstrom's last Friday.

The young folks of Flak are busy practicing for the circus to be given at District 23.

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\$7,350,077 IS ASKED
FOR VILLA'S PURSUIT

Washington, March 24—A rush appropriation of \$8,807,995 to cover the extraordinary expenses of the expedition into Mexico, including the increase of the army to its full strength, was asked of congress by the war department. The amount contemplates \$7,350,077 in consequence of the full enlisted strength and the balance is said to be for the expense of the troops pursuing Villa.

WILLS MILLIONS TO CHARITY

New York Woman Leaves Fortune to Presbyterian Institutions.

New York, March 24—Religious, charitable and educational institutions in this and other cities will eventually receive more than \$3,300,000 under the will of Mrs. May Lensk, who was the wife of George Leask, wholesale commercial paper dealer. Mrs. Leask died a week ago and the will has been filed for probate.

Upon the deaths of various persons named among the legatees money on which they are to receive the interest will go to various Presbyterian institutions.

Mrs. Adele Wasserzieher and son, Edward, have returned from Fort Madison, Iowa.

A CHILD'S TONGUE

SHOWS IF LIVER OR
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If Cross, Feverish, Sick Bilious, Give

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Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs" that this is their ideal laxative because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

When cross, irritable, feverish or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue, Mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative" and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. When its little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomach-ache, diarrhea, indigestion, colic—remember, a good "inside cleansing" should always be the first treatment given.

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Production of
Durum Wheat

Washington, D. C., March 23—The production of durum wheat last year in Minnesota and the Dakotas (which produced 95 per cent of the total crop at time of last census) was about 37,900,000 bushels, as compared with 18,900,000 in 1914 and 21,529,000 bushels in 1913.

The yield per acre averaged 19.3 bushels, whereas other spring wheats averaged 17.4 bushels, or about 1.9 bushels less per acre.

In February the price of durum wheat averaged to producers about 107.7 cents per bushel, which was 7.4 cents under the price of other spring wheats. Notwithstanding the lower price at which durum sold, the higher yield per acre made the value per acre higher than that of other spring wheats, the average for durum being \$20.77 against \$20.04 for other spring wheats. These figures are estimates based upon reports made by correspondents of the Bureau of Crop Estimates, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

FLAK NEWS

Olaf Nelson and Walter Driver left Friday for Bismarck, North Dakota. Their smiling faces will be missed by their many friends.

Otto Berg was in Brainerd Tuesday on business.

W. G. Curtis was in Brainerd Monday.

F. J. Britton came out from Brainerd Monday.

Mrs. Freeman Thorp and Miss

Thorpe went to Brainerd Saturday returning Monday.

Miss Anna Gordan of Merrifield is

visiting her sister Mrs. M. J. Curier.

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Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for laryngeal coughs, colds and croup, Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. H. P. Dunn, drug-

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WAS A CLEVER PRODUCTION

"Miss Cherryblossom" Scores a Big Hit at the Brainerd Opera House Thursday Evening

COMEDY BRIGHT AND WITTY
Cast and Choruses Win High Honors, Scoring as High as Professionals in Play

Brainerd is resounding today with bits from the songs of the musical comedy hit, "Miss Cherryblossom," and words of praise for the young people who took part in it Thursday evening at the Brainerd opera house, when they presented what has generally been spoken of as the best amateur production ever given at the theatre. The play will be repeated Friday night, March 24.

The audience was large and appreciative. The musical comedy was given under the auspices of the Bachelor Maids. John Wilson Dodge author and director, achieved wonderful results in the short space of time spent in rehearsing the company for its performances. It hardly seems possible to put on a three-act musical comedy, with its three choruses, two of girls and one of men, and drill them to perfection in so short a time.

There was not a hitch in the entire performance. From the time the first curtain went up on the dainty Geisha girls, with the beautiful scenery including a blaze of color in the shape of blossoming cherry trees, through all its changes of chorus and principals, there was not one break or marring note in the program.

The play is one of the cleverest and wittiest ever given in Brainerd. The part of Kokomo was handled with great skill and an appreciation of its possibilities by Clifton A. Albright. His clever acting and byplay brought forth smiles and laughter.

A hit of the evening was the winsome, pretty Mrs. Clyde E. Parker as "Miss Cherryblossom." Her clear voice and magnetic stage presence captivated all. Her costumes were superb.

"Togo," her Japanese lover, was portrayed by Al Mraz, whose voice and figure admirably fitted him for the difficult part. He was in good voice. Miss Norma Brady was captivating as "Jessica Vanderpool" and in her dances with Dan Barrows drew much applause.

John Wilson Dodge took the role of "Jack," Cherry's American lover. His work was excellent throughout. His love-making scenes were natural and well handled. He and Mrs. Par-

ker were very pleasing in the duets, "Sailing on Love's Sea," and "What the Moon Saw."

Dan Barrows as "Henry Foster Jones" gave a fine production of his part, acting, singing and dancing like a professional. His voice was clear, enunciation good and stage presence admirable.

Dr. Karl Hoorn was "Horace Worthington" the stock broker and F. E. Stout, "James Young," Worthington's secretary. Both gave pleasing impressions.

Special dances were given by Miss Frances Quinn and Ben Olson, Miss Norma Brady and Dan Barrows.

The Geisha girls' chorus included the Misses Morrelle Anderson, Hildegarde Anderson, Laura Benson, Maude Williams, Bessie Paine, Esther Lind, Cecil Miller, Lillian Irwin, Bess Wieland, Ida Reid, Ethel McIntyre, Edith Schilb, Beatrice McDonald Anna Erlesson and Hildegarde Koop.

The American Beauty chorus included Mrs. John F. Woodhead, Miss Mae Belle Grewcox, Mrs. C. A. Albright, Miss May Jones, Miss Dorothy Baker, Miss Madge Murphy, Miss Helen Kiebler, Miss Bertha Mahlum, Mrs. C. W. Hoffman. The gentlemen were John F. Woodhead, Wilber Bissonette, Harold Webb, Clyde Parker, Joseph Mraz, John Pug, Wm. Elliott, Ben Olson, John Tuseuelle, W. H. Howland.

Playing the orchestral accompaniment were Edwin Harris Berg, violin, Mrs. Walter F. Wieland piano, and Wm. Rodenkirchen cello.

The seat sale is heavy for tonight's performance and another crowded house is anticipated. Many will see the performance a second time.

TODAY'S NORTHWEST ODDITY

St. Paul, Minn., March 24—An epidemic of bad eyes threatens the world today. That's because newspapers are not going to be printed on white paper much longer. Most of them now are appearing on a yellow fibre that makes black type less distinct. Hence the eye trouble. The war is to blame. Paper manufacturers here say they just can't get the blue dye used to manufacture white paper.

Out of the Race

When one wakes with stiff back, pains in muscles, aches in joints, or rheumatic twinges, he cannot do his best. If you feel out of the race, tired, languid, or have symptoms of kidney trouble, act promptly. Foley Kidney Pills help the kidneys get rid of poisonous waste matter that causes trouble. H. P. Dunn, druggist. mwf

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES SOON

Union Services to be Conducted Next Week, Seven Churches Taking Part in the Same

FIRST SERMON BY REV. STACEY

Arrangements Made to Give Opportunity to Greatest Number to Take Part in Services

The union evangelistic services which are to begin next week have already stirred up considerable interest. Last year the union meetings were counted very successful. This year with more of the churches uniting it is thought there will be even greater interest.

The churches taking part are the Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational, Swedish Baptist, Lutheran, Baptist and Evangelical. Rev. H. G. Stacey of the Episcopal church, will begin the series by a sermon at the Evangelical church of Northeast Brainerd.

The meetings will continue there a week and then be transferred to the Swedish Baptist church of the South side, the last week in the American Baptist church. This arrangement will give an opportunity to the greatest number having a part in them.

The Lenten season is a time when the religious idea of service and worship is more or less consciously with every person. The churches wish to improve this opportunity to make the Christian appeal to the people of Brainerd.

You are asked to remember the time and to plan to come.

WATER & LIGHT BOARD

Spring Bay Water Site Receives Attention, Flume to Be Built to Carry Off Water Pumped

All members of the water and light board were present at the regular meeting. Bills were allowed. A letter was read from Arnold Hoffman & Co. advising that the price of chloride of lime had been reduced to 10c a pound. On motion of Commissioners Weldemann and Rowley a contract is to be signed for a supply of the chloride of lime.

A letter from Dr. H. M. Bracken, executive officer of the state board of health, referred to tests of the water at Spring Bay. The secretary was instructed to ask for a test on April 1.

On motion of Commissioners Rowley and Weldemann a flume is to be built at Spring Bay to carry off the water from the wells.

1 inch water service line was ordered laid at the premises 912-918 Oak street. The secretary was instructed to write different telephone companies regarding reports on attachments to city poles.

BARROWS

Barrows, Minn., March 24—H. Flansburg transacted business at the state bank here Friday.

The Barrows Dramatic Club presented "Among the Breakers" at Peck's Hall Friday evening to a large audience. They also played at Pillager on Saturday evening, and at Ft. Ripley Tuesday evening. Large crowds were present at both places. All were much pleased with the play.

John Wahl, of Duluth, transacted business at the bank here Monday.

Marcus Grande was down from Manganese the last of the week and spent a few days with his family here.

Charles Sherlund, of Brainerd, was here looking over the heating plant at the Wilson school Wednesday.

W. H. Furman, representing the Mossman Co. of New York, was in town Monday.

Mrs. E. L. Dixon returned from the Sister's hospital in Brainerd the last of the week where she had been receiving treatment for pneumonia.

D. E. Whitney, of Brainerd, was here on business Wednesday.

SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY

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STAR CASH GROCERY

Fancy Bacon, per pound	17c
Fancy Picnic ham, lb.	15c
Herring, 10 lb. pail	70c
Stony Ridge brand tomatoes, 3 cans for	33c
Webster's best string beans, 3 for	25c
Good as Gold Cal. Apricots, 3 for	47c
Hawaiian Pineapple, 3 cans	45c
Wisconsin beauty peas, 3 cans	25c
Purest brand sugar corn, 3 cans	25c
Large size lemons, doz.	25c
Oranges, per dozen 15c, 2 doz.	25c
Bananas, per doz.	25c
Ben Davis apples, 10 lbs.	30c
Jonathan apples, 10 lbs.	50c
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Advance Easter Styles

OUR invitation to the women of Brainerd is that they come and see our most carefully selected Advance Easter styles. You'll not find a garment nor a hat but that conforms to the latest dictates of fashion. Nor will you find merely one idea for we have selected the ideas of different designers. It is a display worthy of attention of every woman in Brainerd. We hope to have the honor of your presence.

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MUSIC AND DRAMA

"Peg O' My Heart"

There are two dogs coming to our town. One is just an ordinary, everyday sort of a dog, the kind you have often stopped and patted while walking down the street. The other is one that you do not get the chance to pat, for he is the kind that you see riding through the streets reclining in the lap of some fine lady. One is symbolic of the ordinary mortal—the other, of the idle rich, and that is just what they are coming to this town for—to represent the two widely separated classes.

The names of these two dogs are "Michael" and "Pet," so you will readily guess which one belongs to the ordinary mortal, and which to the idle rich person.

dog hero and his sweet mistress come into their own, with Michael having all the bones his heart could desire, and his mistress, all the love her affectionate nature craved.

If you care to see the characters depicted above you can do so at the Brainerd Opera House, Thursday, March 30 where they are respectively, the dog hero, dog-villain, and sweet Peg of the famous success, "Peg O' My Heart."

Theda Bara at the Best

Miss Bara is cast as Francesca, an artist's model. Antoine Brabat (Stuart Holmes), a poor painter, attracted by her beauty, weds her, and a child, Delores (Little Jane Lee), is born. Soon after this, Antoine's uncle dies and the artist inherits the property and title of Baron de Bois. Grown tired of Francesca, he casts her off and departs for his new estates. On his way he meets Cicely Blaine, an heiress, and falls in love with her. Cicely loves Sidney Norcott, to whom she is engaged. Francesca, the deserted wife, travelling in search of her husband, is befriended by Norcott, and the Baron aided by circumstances convinces Cicely that her lover is untrue to her. In revenge she accepts the Baron's proposal and the wedding follows. Norcott, who has learned the truth, tries to prevent the marriage, but arrives at the church just too late. He follows the wedding party, and secures a private audience with Cicely. When she learns the story from Norcott, the new made Baroness swoons in her lover's arms. The Baron, discovering them in this position, has Norcott arrested as a burglar and sentenced to the gallows. Francesca, a thief for the sake of her child, also goes to the gallows. Cicely refuses to live with the Baron and she and her friends succeed in establishing Norcott's innocence. Both he and Francesca, worn by the terrible experiences on the prison ship, are released, and in a strong and thrilling climax the rascally Baron is confronted with the evidence of his crimes and made to suffer the inevitable penalty.

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Because medicine does not cure. If it did cure I would have nothing to do. If the medical doctors know all there is to be learned of this vital subject, the cure of disease, why do such large numbers whose illness begins in a very mild form, gradually grow worse, later submitting to dangerous operations that sometimes result in insanity or premature death? Chiropractic Adjustments never do harm. This cannot be said of surgery of medicine. Read what some of the best medical authorities have to say and then ask yourself a few questions.

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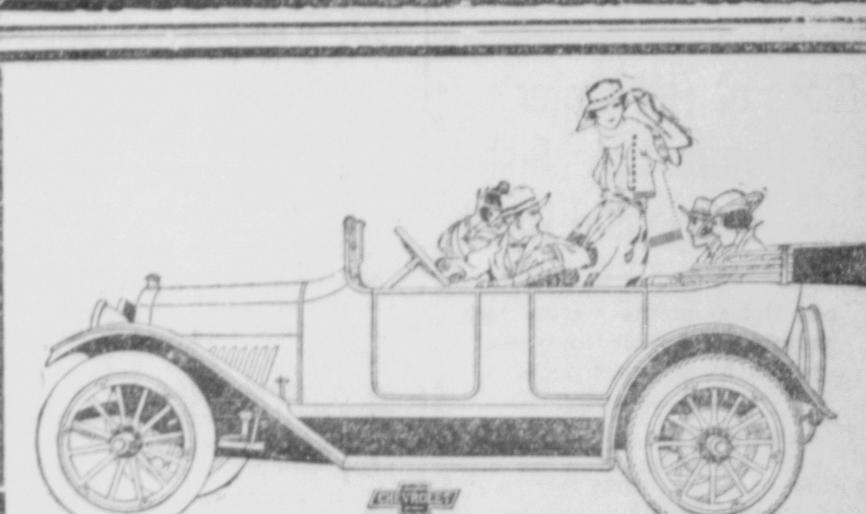


"Michael"

Michael is a rough-haired, homely Irish terrier, affectionate and faithful to those who show him kindness, while Pet is a white, curly-haired spaniel, so petted and pampered that he is like a spoiled child, and snaps and barks at every one that approaches him.

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Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You will get a large bottle of this old time recipe improved by the addition of other ingredients for about 50 cents. Everybody uses this preparation now, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy and you look years younger. Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound is a delightful toilette requisite. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

Will Spend Millions

St. Paul, Minn., March 24—Minnesota will spend just \$7,453,451 this year for good roads, it was announced at the office of the state engineer today. Of this the majority will go to St. Louis county.

Score Basket Ball Tourney

(By United Press)

Northfield, Minn., March 24—Linton Falls 23, Rush City 32, Mechanic Arts, St. Paul, 15 and Northfield 7, was the score of the basketball tourney. These were the only games played this morning.

No Confirmation Villa Surrounded

(By United Press)

El Paso, March 24—The authorities have not received an official confirmation that the reports of Villa being surrounded near Elosos or that the Americans are attacking Villa there.

Infantry Ordered to the Border

(By United Press)

Washington, March 24—A battalion of the Twenty-first Infantry located near Vancouver, Oregon, has been ordered to proceed to El Centro, California, for border duty.

Bad Fire at Chippewa Falls

(By United Press)

Chippewa Falls, Wis., March 24—Fire destroyed the large brick building of the Chippewa Falls Mercantile Co. with a loss of \$160,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Glass of Hot Water Before Breakfast a Splendid Habit

Open sluices of the system each morning and wash away the poisonous, stagnant matter.

Those of us who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when we arise; splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, lame back, can, instead, both look and feel as fresh as a daisy always by washing the poisons and toxins from the body with phosphated hot water each morning.

We should drink, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to flush from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary tract before putting more food into the stomach.

The action of limestone phosphate and hot water on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases, waste and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast and it is said to be a little while until the roses begin to appear in the cheeks. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will cost very little at the drug store, but is sufficient to make anyone who is bothered with biliousness, constipation, stomach trouble or rheumatism a real enthusiast on the subject of internal sanitation. Try it and you are assured that you will look better and feel better in every way shortly.

The Strange Case of Mary Page

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"Yes," said the boy, beginning to whimper again. "But I didn't do it for that. I didn't think there was any harm in the message. He says to me, says he, 'It's just a joke I'm playin' on her, Joe,' he says. "I want to fool her. And he gimme five dollars—and laughed—and told me to beat it—and I did."

"That is all, I think," said Langdon with satisfaction, and the boy crept back to the witness-bench, striving in vain for some of the jaunty assurance that had marked him in the earlier hours of the day. He had thought he would be a little hero after his testimony and that he would enjoy the fleeting publicity; but he was ashamed of the laugh he had made.

The prosecutor himself was almost equally discomfited, for it had been his plan to build up stone by stone a towering temple of evidence to prove that Mary Page had in cold blood plotted and carried out the murder of James Pollock, and now the boy's testimony had in a minute undermined the whole structure. It forced him to play his trump card at what he feared was the

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Wireless Messages Badly Garbled

(By United Press)

San Antonio, March 24—Two wireless messages have been received possibly containing important news, but so badly garbled as to be unintelligible, and has caused Funston to announce they will abandon the wireless as soon as a wire from Columbus to Casas Grandes can be arranged by Washington.

Consider Burnett Immigration Bill

(By United Press)

Washington, March 24—The house by a vote of 282 to 74 decided on an immediate consideration of the Burnett Immigration Bill, similar to the one that Taft and Wilson vetoed. The indications are that the house will pass it overwhelmingly.

Sinister Forces are Working to Inflame

(By United Press)

Washington, March 24—Senator Stone charged that sinister forces were working to inflame the Mexicans, and Americans following the reading in the Senate record of the telegrams could detect serious conditions along the border.

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wrong moment, but except for a harassed he showed little signs of his disappointment as he again called Mary to the witness-stand.

She came more willingly this time; it seemed somehow less of an ordeal for she sensed that things had gone in her favor for a moment, and she did not even flinch when, with a flourish, the District Attorney took up the revolver (dying with the other exhibits of the case before the jury) and, thrusting it toward her, asked sharply:

"Have you ever seen this revolver before, Miss Page?"

"Yes. It belonged to Mr. Pollock."

"Was it in his possession on the night when he was murdered?"

"No." Her voice broke now and fell.

"It was in my possession then."

"And you had it at the Hotel Republic."

"Yes."

"And was it your habit," the prosecutor's voice was satirically mocking, "was it your habit, Miss Page, to attend banquets with a revolver in your handbag?"

Mary flushed angrily.

"The revolver was lying on my dressing-table at the theater," she said, "and I put it into my bag, intending to give it to Mr. Langdon, but—I forgot it."

"It was an unfortunate loss of memory for Mr. Pollock," said the attorney dryly, with a glance at the jury. Then he abruptly waved the witness away, as though it would be a waste of time to question her further. Langdon halted her.

"Will you explain to the court," he cried, "how that revolver came into your possession, Miss Page?"

Gaining courage at his tone, and the smile that accompanied his words, Mary turned toward the jury and in that beautiful modulated voice that had held so many audiences spellbound, she told rapidly, but in detail, the story of Pollock's visit to her dressing-room on the afternoon of that fatal day. She faltered a little over the recital of his abrupt proposal and, woman-like, put in the world-old apology for his brutality by the simple statement:

"He was drunk, you know."

Then, vividly, her slender hands gesturing and her voice rising with poignant memories and pride of Langdon, she told of the latter's entry in response to her screams and of his bathe with Pollock. Tensely silent, but

with every nerve alert, the crowd listened as she described how Pollock had pulled the revolver out of his pocket only to drop it.

"He tried to pick it up again," she said, unconsciously visualizing for them the picture of the struggling men, "but I crawled close and snatched it up before he could reach it."

She paused, and when she would have taken up the thread of her story again, Langdon's hand stopped her.

"That is all, thank you, Miss Page," he said, and the District Attorney, surprised on his face, but with a new glint in his eyes, got quickly to his feet.

"I crave the court's permission to ask the witness one more question," he said, and as the Judge waved assent he asked slowly, knowing the sensation his question would create:

"Miss Page, was there anyone else in the room at the time this struggle was going on?"

"Not—not exactly in the room," said Mary, after an instant's hesitation. "There were people outside the door, and—my maid, who had been out during the excitement."

"Is your maid Janet or Jeannette Beauchamp?"

"Yes." Mary's voice was uneasy now, and her eyes met the frightened ones of the maid, who had risen with the apparent intention of leaving the room. But before she had reached the door the prosecutor had waved Mary loudly from the stand and the clerk called loudly: "Janet Beauchamp!"

There was a startled cry of "Oh, mon Dieu!" and the Frenchwoman paused, wringing her hands, the center of attention. She made a half movement as if determined to escape anyway and defy the law, but the sight of the police that guarded the exits and the stern repetition of her name brought her reluctantly back. She murmured a little prayer and crossed herself as she took the oath, but the cool friendliness of the prosecutor's voice reassured her.

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GERMANS CAPTURE TRENCHES

(By United Press)

Berlin, March 24—Continuing the advance to force the evacuation of the French position northwest of Verdun, the Germans captured two more trenches in the Haucourt region, says an official telegram.

FRENCH BOMBARD GERMANS

(By United Press)

Paris, March 24—The French artillery heavily bombarded the German positions at Malancourt woods last night. The Teutons failed to make infantry attacks.

DECISIVE BATTLE BEGUN

(By United Press)

London, March 24—The Germans have resumed heavy attacks on the French near Verdun. The French believe a decisive battle has begun.

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